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TALKS & VIDEOS

POLLINATORS

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK
BY DINO MARTINS

Monday 12 November '01, 5:30 p.m.

National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi, FORD HALL
Refreshments prior & Town drop off

Come and explore some amazing examples of the ecology and processes of pollination.

It involves a lot more than we think - symbiosis, co-evolution, genetics and biodiversity all come into play.

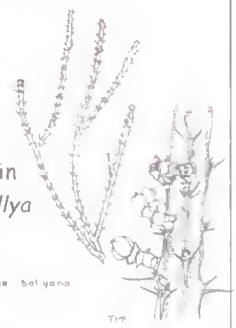
Bring along any interesting flowers for discussion.

MUSEUM OF KENYA RECEIVED MAR 1

TRIPS & OUTINGS

LOOKING FOR *EUPHORBIA BALLYANA*!

Saturday 27 October'01



Eupharbia ballyana has not been seen in the wild since 1960 (as explained in *Ballya* Volume 2, page 42) so we need you to come and join this treasure hunt!

Meet at Corner Baridi at 10:00 a.m. to drive down Magadi Road. Bring picnic lunch and hats.

MASAI MARA WITH NATURE UGANDA MEMBERS!

Thursday 29 November – Monday 1 December '01

9600/- per persan inclusive af camping fees, park entrance fees, game drives and transfers fram and ta Nairobi. Baak at the Nature Kenya frant affice.

MT KENYA CHALLENGE

WEDNESDAY 12 – SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER '01

This climb will take participants up Mt. Kenya using the scenic Chogoria route .

12/12 Meet at the National Museum car park at 6:45 a.m. for 7:00 a.m. departure ta Chagoria Gate. Bring picnic lunch. Approx. 3 haurs. afternaan hike O/N Camping
13/12 Ascend ta Lake Ellis (apprax. 6 haur walk) O/N Camping
14/12 Hike ta Mintas camp at 4300m (approx. 8 haurs walk) O/N Camping
15/12 Pre-dawn attempt af Paint Lenana, breakfast at Mintas camp, hike ta Chagaria Bandas O/N Camping
16/12 Hike thraugh Giant bamboa forest to connect with transfer ta Chagaria tawn. Leave far Nairabi

Trekking Equipment required which can be hired (it is very important to be properly equipped):

Rucksack that is to be carried by porter	200/-
Day Pack to fit basic necessities for day	150/-
Sleeping Bag (warm but not bulky)	200/-
2/ 4 man tent	350/- per night
Warm Jumper (2 or 3pcs)	150/- each
Warm Jacket	200/-
Water resistant raincoat	150/-
Waterproof trousers	150/-
Gloves or mittens (neccessory at 4000m)	100/-
Neckscorf	100/-
Lorge Gripped hiking or climbing boots	250/-
Warm woolen socks (3 to 6 pairs)	80/- each

Costs: 7000/- per person (for guides, food, drink & porters (minimum of 20 participants) & 2000/- per person transfer Nairobi-Chogoria-Nairobi (minimum of 8 participants)
Booking deadline 30 November '01

Action for Biodiversity Conservation

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BirdLife

World bird festival

WORLD BIRDWATCH

6–7 October 2001

Many thanks!

For accommodation:

- Marich Pass Field Studies Centre
- Elesavo Safari Lodge
- Kitengela Glass
- Sarova Hotels
- Bobong Camp
- Lake Baringo Club
- Mbita Point Research Centre
- Africa Expeditions
- National Outdoor Leadership School

For transport:

- WildLife Safaris
- Let's Go Travel
- Kenya Wildlife Trails
- Somak Travels

For admission to national parks and reserves:

- Kenya Wildlife Service
- Isiolo County Council
- Narok County Council

Special thanks to *Friends of Fort Jesus,* donors and those who pledged

Many thanks also to:

- East African WildLife Society
- Nairobi City Council
- Travel News
- Standard Newspapers
- Associated Press
- National Museums of Kenya
- Nairobi Ringing Group
- Tinga Tinga

Thanks also to the people who put so much into making this event a success:

- WBW committee members
- Marlene Reid
- NMK, Ornithology Department

WORLD BIRDWATCH

Send in your Checklist!

Checklist records will be verified by the Ornithology Department of the National Museums of Kenya.

Please send in your lists as soon as possible to enable us to get results out at the earliest.

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Until we announce the results, pledges or donations are still welcome.

BIRDING DESTINATIONS

Lake Victoria Safari Village, Mbita, Nyanza

Situated on the eastern shore of Lake Victoria just inland of Rusinga and Mfangano islands.

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For reservations and more information about the village, contact Odd Breda at add@safarikenya.net or breda@mbita.mimcom.net

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

BIRD RINGING

Meet at the Nairobi Botanic Gardens, at 7:00 a.m. every Thursday.

SUNDAY BIRDWATCH

Members meet at the National Museum, Nairobi car park at 9:00 a.m. the third Sunday of every month, **i.e. 18 November**. The members decide where to go. Bring lunch

TREE WALK

Guided Tree Walks in the Arboretum on the last Monday of every month i.e. **26 November from 9:30 a.m**. Meet at the FONA offices beside the Girl Guides HQ. *Those who are not members of FONA or Nature Kenya pay Ksh 100/- fee on arrival at the gate.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIRDWALKS

Bird watching walks at sites in and around Nairobi. Meet at the National Museum car park every Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. Return about 12:30 p.m. *Those who are not members can get temporary membership at Ksh 100 per birdwalk, payable an arrival at the car park.*

ARABUKO SOKOKE (COAST)

The Saturday birdwatch with the Arabuko Sokoke Forest Guides Association is on the first Saturday of each month i.e. **3 November, at 6:30 a.m**. from the Visitor Centre, Gede. Cost 100/- per person.

FFJ Bird Walk (Coast)

Friends of Fort Jesus birdwalks are held the third Saturday of each month i.e. **17 November, at 4:00 p.m**. from Ratna Square, Nyali

DECLARATION

Nature Kenya does not accept any responsibility whatsoever in respect of negligence of any of its staff, volunteers or members organising the outings/trips or for any loss, injury, death or damage to property.

NOVEMBER DIARY

Sat 3	ASF Birdwalks
Mon 12	Talk on Pollinators
Sat 17	FFJ Birdwalk
Sun 18	Pot Luck Outing
Mon 26	Tree Walk
Thu 29	Trip to Masai Mara

Birdwalks every Wednesday Morning

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Bird Hotline 749957

Please note the records below are unconfirmed

Eurasian Golden Oriole, Somali Golden-breasted Bunting, Green-winged Pytilia *Muthetheni/ October* L. Njatha, B. Kitanga

Barred Warbler, Williams's Lark *Shaba G. Reserve/ WBW October* Hector Gomez, Shailesh Patel, Bernard Chege, Bernd de Bruijn

Baillon's Crake, Striped Crake *Sukari Ranch/ October* Wednesday Morning Birdwalk

Heuglin's Courser, Spotted Thick-knee, Shikra, White-faced Scops Owl, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Lake Baringa/ WBW October* Leonard Juma, Sukhy & Bee Soin, Saida Abdulali, CP Sain

Short toed Snake Eagle, *Tsava East* **White-headed Mousebird,** *Tsavo West* **Little Bittern,** *Galana river causeway/ WBW October* Muoki Kioko, Narinder Heyer, Farida Noor, Dennis Friesen

(correction) **Hinde's Babbler** *Meru Diocesan compaund* **Grey Cuckoo Shrike** *Chogaria Farest/ August* Marlene Reid & Phyllis Paltridge

Montagu's Harrier*Masai Mara* **Saker Falcon** *Olaalua Ridge / August* Dave Richards

Black Heron, Greater Painted-Snipe *Lake Nakuru (belaw Baboon cliffs)/ July* Clive Wells, Susan Dewey, Rob & Julia Skilton

Please send details to *Kenya Birds*, c/o Nature Kenya or kbirds@africaonline.co.ke

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from left to right Dan Omolo, *WBW Committee member,* Saida Abdulali, *WBW Coordinator,* Dino Martins, *presenting the gift of a glass sunbird (courtesy of Kitengela Glass) to* Sir Jeffery James, *the British High Commissioner (himself a bird watcher) at his residence.*

The Launch of World Birdwatch '01 was an evening function held at the British High Commissioner's residence.